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**Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Development**

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## Annotations

### 1. Opening of the Conference

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 63/277, the Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Development will be convened at United Nations Headquarters in New York on Monday, 1 June 2009. Rule 17 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Conference (see A/CONF.214/2) provides that the Secretary-General of the United Nations shall open the first meeting of the Conference and preside until the Conference has elected its President.

### 2. Election of the President

Rule 6 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Conference provides that the Conference shall elect a President from among the representatives of participating States. In its resolution 63/277, the General Assembly decided that the Conference would be presided over by the President of the General Assembly. Rule 44 provides that all elections shall be held by secret ballot unless, in the absence of any objection, the Conference decides to proceed without taking a ballot when there is an agreed candidate or slate.

### 3. Adoption of the rules of procedure

By its decision 63/555, the General Assembly recommended the provisional rules of procedure for adoption by the Conference.

**Documentation**

Note by the Secretariat transmitting the provisional rules of procedure of the Conference (A/CONF.214/2)

### 4. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

By its decision 63/555, the General Assembly recommended the provisional agenda set out in the present document for adoption by the Conference.

### 5. Election of officers other than the President

Under rule 6 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Conference shall elect, in addition to the President, 26 Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur-General, as well as a Chairman of the Main Committee, if established in accordance with rule 46. Rule 11 provides that these officials shall constitute the General Committee. In accordance with rule 6, they shall be elected on the basis of ensuring the representative character of the General Committee. By its decision 63/555, the General Assembly decided to adopt the arrangements and organization of work of the Conference as set out in the note by the Secretariat on the proposed organization of work of the

Conference (A/63/825), in which it was proposed that the composition of the General Committee of the Conference be based on that of the General Committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations at its sixty-third session, which was composed, in addition to the President (Nicaragua), of 21 Vice-Presidents (Afghanistan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Cameroon, China, Egypt, France, Jamaica, Kyrgyzstan, the Republic of Moldova, Mongolia, Myanmar, Namibia, Niger, Portugal, the Russian Federation, Rwanda, Solomon Islands, Spain, Togo, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America) and Chairmen of the six Main Committees (Argentina, Honduras, Hungary, Iraq, the Netherlands and Nigeria). The Conference may also elect such other officers as it deems necessary for the performance of its functions.

**6. Organization of work, including the establishment of the Main Committee**

In its resolution 63/277, the General Assembly decided that the Conference would consist of: (a) a short opening session; (b) plenary meetings; and (c) four interactive round tables, which would address the main issues before the Conference as outlined in the resolution. In accordance with General Assembly decision 63/555, the Conference should organize its work around six plenary meetings, to be held concurrently with the four interactive round tables.

Rule 46 of the provisional rules of procedure provides that the Conference may establish a Main Committee as required, which may set up subcommittees or working groups. Under rule 48, the Conference may establish, in addition to the Main Committee, such committees and working groups as it deems necessary for the performance of its functions. In accordance with rule 49, the members of the committees and working groups of the Conference referred to in rule 48, paragraph 1, shall be appointed by the President, subject to the approval of the Conference, unless the Conference decides otherwise.

The Conference will have before it a note by the Secretariat on organizational and procedural matters, which will include a proposed timetable for the work of the Conference.

**Documentation**

Note by the Secretariat on organizational and procedural matters (A/CONF.214/5)

**7. Credentials of representatives to the Conference**

**(a) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee**

Rule 4 of the provisional rules of procedure provides that a Credentials Committee of nine members shall be appointed at the beginning of the Conference and that its composition shall be based on that of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations at its sixty-third session, which consists of the following Member States: Botswana, China, Cyprus, Luxembourg, Mexico, Mozambique, Russian Federation, Saint Kitts and Nevis, and the United States of America.

(b) **Report of the Credentials Committee**

In accordance with rule 4 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Credentials Committee shall examine the credentials of representatives and report to the Conference without delay.

8. **General debate on the world financial and economic crisis and its impact on development**

(a) **General exchange of views on the world financial and economic crisis and its impact on development**

A general exchange of views on the world financial and economic crisis and its impact on development will be held during the six plenary meetings, which will be held from Monday, 1 June, to Wednesday, 3 June. The timetable of the plenary meetings will be announced in the *Journal of the United Nations*. At these meetings, Heads of State or Government, ministers and heads of delegation attending the Conference will be able to make formal statements.

**Documentation**

Report of the Secretary-General on the world financial and economic crisis and its impact on development (A/CONF.214/4)

(b) **Consideration of the draft outcome document of the Conference**

The draft outcome document of the Conference will be finalized by the Main Committee, if established in accordance with rule 46 of the provisional rules of procedure.

**Documentation**

Note by the President of the General Assembly transmitting the draft outcome document of the Conference (A/CONF.214/3)

9. **Interactive round tables under the overall theme "Examining and overcoming the deepening world financial and economic crisis and its impact on development", focusing on the main issues before the Conference:**

(a) **Present and future impacts of the crisis on, inter alia, employment, trade, investment and development, including the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals and the Millennium Development Goals (round table 1)**

(b) **Coordinated and collaborative actions and appropriate measures to mitigate the impact of the crisis on development (round table 2)**

(c) **The role of the United Nations and its Member States in the ongoing international discussions on reforming and strengthening the international financial and economic system and architecture (round table 3)**

(d) **Contributions of the United Nations development system in response to the crisis (round table 4)**

The timetable of the round tables will be announced in the *Journal of the United Nations*.

**10. Adoption of the outcome document of the Conference**

The draft outcome document of the Conference is expected to be adopted at the closing plenary meeting in the afternoon of Wednesday, 3 June.

**11. Adoption of the report of the Conference**

The Conference will adopt a report on its activities, a draft of which will be prepared by the Rapporteur-General and presented to the Conference for its approval at the closing plenary meeting in the afternoon of Wednesday, 3 June.